

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
November 8, 2021 7:00 p.m.
Lord of Life Fellowship Hall
N69 W35980 Lake Drive | Oconomowoc | Wisconsin | 53066

Minutes

Call to Order

Chairperson Carol Wilson called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Meeting Notice Announcement

The Meeting Notice Announcement was emailed to the newspapers and municipalities; posted on the three public notice bulletin boards; and posted on the OLMD website.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Commissioners

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Carol Wilson	John Foley
Tom Godar	
Bruce Mueller	
Dee Schriver	
Pat Furno, Accountant for the District	

Correspondence

There was no correspondence

Comments from the Floor

There were no comments from the floor

Comments regarding Tierney Bay Issues Reserved

Comments from Committee Members

There were no comments from Committee Members

Discuss and Act on Report of the Treasurer

Dee Schriver reported the following:

Total Revenues: \$385,962.74

Total Expenditures: \$312,458.09

Total: \$ 73,504.65

Dee Schriver reported the total revenues and expenditures were in line with budget. Further, while there remained some surplus, there were a number of additional bills anticipated for this year. Bruce Mueller moved approval of the report of the Treasurer as presented. Dee Schriver seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved Checks and Vouchers

Bruce Mueller moved to approve the bills to be paid for the months of August, September and October. Dee Schriver seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Bruce Mueller moved to approve the meeting minutes for August 9th, 2021. Dee Schriver seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discuss an Act on Animal Control Program

Arnold Groehler, our animal control specialist, offered an update on the muskrat and beaver issues he has encountered over this last year. He indicated that the three-year program to relieve the muskrat population on Okauchee has been very successful, aided by the drought. He indicated that he has historically been asked to participate for two weeks in the spring and two weeks in the fall, but after that owners regularly call on their own insisting upon help with animal control issues. Arnold has graciously offered that assistance, most often without any additional charge.

It was moved by Tom Godar to continue the program with Mr. Groehler and to increase the fee to \$5000 per season to allow Mr. Groehler to trap muskrats, and assist with other animal control issues as he has in the past. Motion was seconded by Dee Schriver

There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Aquatic Plant Management Report

We received a plant management report by our operations manager, Brady Mullikin, which included an update on the harvesting equipment and weed management for the season.

Conditions occurred that increased the weed dump load totals by about 1/3 higher than the previous year.

2 engines were replaced on 2 cutters with 2 additional engines to be replaced next year.

Dee Schriver asked that item 14 be moved ahead of item 13 which the chair accepted.

Discuss and act on Okauchee Lake Tearney Bay Channel usage and maintenance.

Several of the riparian owners affected by Tierney Bay made comments regarding a planned residential development which would include placement of a system to place and then retrieve boats from property adjacent to the Tearney Bay Channel. Sue Lincoln, W345 N5288 Tierney Road discussed the issue with a representative of the property owner, Ms. Groskopf, who was informed that there would be no permanent pier or dock that would impede access to or from Tearney Bay. However, Ms. Lincoln and others were concerned that this system might take enough time to impede boats and OLMD equipment from entering and exiting from Tierney Bay. Doug Larson N53 W34257 Road Q described that he had spoken to County representatives who indicated that the use of a boathouse with a lift system had been approved and that they anticipate that use in the channel was for a short time. He indicated that his concern was a boat would tie up to load and unload passengers, and that this might take an extended period of time. Doug Larson also indicated that he had communicated with the DNR waterways warden, Ms. Amanda Minks, and that no additional restrictions were anticipated to be placed on the development of this property as there did not appear to be a navigational impediment to the access through the channel. Ms. Groskopf W339 N61627 Road Q indicated that there was no anticipation the system to get a boat in the water or the pick up or drop off of boat passengers would block the exit and entrance to the Bay and that any loading and unloading would be an extremely short period and that there would be no permanent tie-up for docks impeding access. Others, including, Mike Shoen N52 W34450 Peters Road and Neil Johnson N63 W34461 Road Q offered their comments and concerns that while Ms. Groskopf is able to make these assurances, it is unknown what the next owner might do unless there is some sort of deed or other restriction on use.

It was suggested that the OLMD reach out to the DNR and see if there is any other accommodations or restrictions that would be appropriate.

Discuss and Act on Preamble and Resolutions regarding OLMD Borrowing Funds from DCPL Trust Fund of the State of Wisconsin by provisions of Section 24.661 stats.

Dee Schriver presented the exact preamble and resolutions regarding such borrowing, a copy which is attached hereto as a specific resolution presented to the Board, and Tom Godar seconded the motion. Following discussion, a vote was taken.

The vote was noted as:

*Chairperson Carol Wilson – **Yes** *Commissioner Secretary Tom Godar – **Yes**

*Commissioner Treasurer Dee Schriver – **Yes** * Commissioner Member Bruce Mueller – **Yes**

*Commissioner Member John Foley - **Absent**

There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

FORM OF RECORD

The following preamble and resolutions were presented by Commissioner Dee Schriver and were read to the meeting.

By the provisions of Sec. 24.66 of the Wisconsin Statutes, all municipalities may borrow money for such purposes in the manner prescribed, and,

By the provisions of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin is authorized to make loans from the State Trust Funds to municipalities for such purposes. (Municipality as defined by Sec. 24.60(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes means a town, village, city, county, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, town sanitary district created under Sec. 60.71 or 60.72, metropolitan sewerage district created under Sec. 200.05 or 200.23, joint sewerage system created under Sec. 281.43(4), school district or technical college district.)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Okauchee Lake Management District**, in the County of **Waukesha**, Wisconsin, borrow from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin the sum of **Eighty Thousand And 00/100 Dollars (\$80,000.00)** for the purpose of **financing repairs to weed cutters and equipment** and for no other purpose.

The loan is to be payable within **5** years from the 15th day of March preceding the date the loan is made. The loan will be repaid in annual installments with interest at the rate of **2.50** percent per annum from the date of making the loan to the 15th day of March next and thereafter annually as provided by law.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that at the annual or special meeting, the electors and property owners voted by majority to raise and levy upon all taxable property, within the **Okauchee Lake Management District**, in the County of **Waukesha**, Wisconsin, a direct annual tax for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as they become due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no money obtained by the **Okauchee Lake Management District** by such loan from the state be applied or paid out for any purpose except **financing repairs to weed cutters and equipment** without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in case the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin agrees to make the loan, that the chairman and secretary of the **Okauchee Lake Management District**, in the County of **Waukesha**, Wisconsin, are authorized and empowered, in the name of the district to execute and deliver to the Commission, certificates of indebtedness, in such form as required by the Commission, for any sum of money that may be loaned to the district pursuant to this resolution. The chairman and secretary of the district will perform all necessary actions to fully carry out the provisions of Chapters 24 and 33 Wisconsin Statutes, and these resolutions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this preamble and these resolutions and the aye and no vote by which they were adopted, be recorded, and that the secretary of the district forward this certified record, along with the application for the loan, to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin.

Commissioner Dee Schriver moved adoption of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

Discuss and Act Website Items

It was discussed that the OLMD website will be redesigned in 2022. The current website is insufficient for any long-term use. Dee Schriver moved to approve a downpayment of \$1,500 to Linda Goehre Creations to begin the website redesign. Motion was seconded by Carol Wilson.

There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dee Schriver made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c):

“Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” (Performance review and compensation for OLMD Harvesting Supervisor and/or Crew)

Bruce Mueller seconded the motion to enter into closed session.

Discuss & Act on Closed Session Item(s)

Carol Wilson motioned to approve the payment discussions in closed session. Dee Schriver seconded the motion.

Bruce Mueller presented a motion to reconvene into Open Session.

Dee Schriver seconded the motion

Adjournment: Dee Schriver moved to adjourn the November 8, 2021 Okauchee Lake Management district meeting. Bruce Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM